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5630 Fishers Lane-Room 1061  
Rockville, MD 20852

Re: Docket # 98N-1230 / Docket # 96P-0418 / Docket # 97P-0197

Dear Sir or Madam:

It has come to my attention that the US Food & Drug Administration (FDA) is allowing the egg industry to endanger the health of the American people. I am writing to request that the FDA immediately grant the petition submitted in April of 1998 to ban forced molting of hens.

The FDA should do more than put bacteria warning labels on egg cartons and regulate egg refrigeration temperatures.

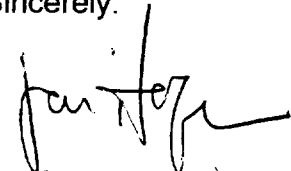
This forced molting must be banned because it is a primary cause of infectious diseases in hens, eggs and consumers of eggs. As you know, molting has been scientifically shown to promote such diseases by destroying the hens' immune systems.

The FDA has the jurisdiction to ban such farm practices, such as forced molting to protect the health of the American people. Do not play roulette with the health and well being of the consumers of eggs.

The duty of the FDA is to protect the health of the American people-not to increase the profits of private industry.

Please ban forced molting immediately.

Sincerely:

  
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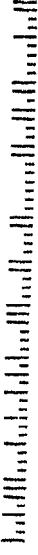
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